

REMARKS

Claims 1-76 were previously pending in this application. Claim 48 is currently amended; no claims are canceled; and no new claims are added. No new matter is introduced.

Claim 48 is currently amended to specify a polymer of formula IX in accordance with claim 43 from which claim 48 previously depended in part.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully provisionally elects claims 48-56, corresponding to no group set forth by the Examiner. Further, Applicant elects the species corresponding to a polymer of formula IX, wherein, individually for each occurrence, R is H, R' is the sidechain of arginine, and X is O.

Claims 48-76 were not included in any group set forth in the Restriction Requirement, because they are allegedly improper multiply dependent. Applicant has currently amended claim 48 in a manner that removes the incorporation by reference of the polymers of claims 1-43; however, the Applicant respectfully asserts that original claim 48 was not a dependent claim of any variety.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue subject matter of any and all claims withdrawn from consideration in this application in one or more continuing applications claiming benefit of the instant application.

Applicant further acknowledges that the Examiner indicated, in respect of non-elected claims 1-43, that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Applicant believes that claim 48 as currently amended is generic and that upon the allowance of claim 48, Applicant should similarly be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise require all the limitations of such allowed generic claim.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith, and to credit any overpayment in the fees filed herewith, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448, under Order No. MTV-073.01.

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Respectfully submitted,

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